Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Joel W. Brekke's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Brekke has devoted more than 20 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a leader in the Signal field for the South Dakota Army national Guard, and served in one deployment to Kuwait and Iraq; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

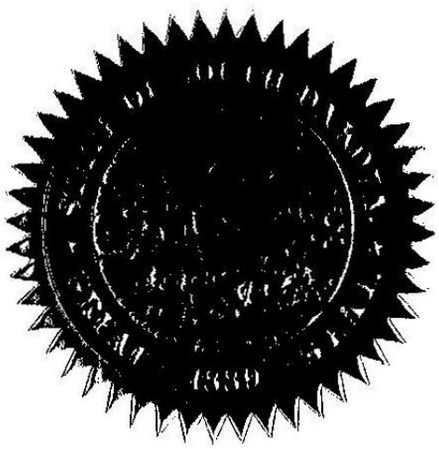
Whereas, Staff Sergeant Brekke continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Staff Sergeant Joel W. Brekke for more than 20 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 10, 2010, as

STAFF SERGEANT JOEL W. BREKKE DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State